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OVERDOSE OF NARCOTICS KILLS LOMITA YOUTH, BURGLARY SOLVED

Officers Find \$2500 Dope Loot

A Lomita youth died of what was assumed to be an overdose of narcotics Friday in the presence of his unsuspecting mother.

Joseph Santich, 18, of 25218 Feljoa st., Lomita, was taken home by acquaintances Friday after complaining that he was ill, according to Sgt. A. J. Sully, of Lennox sheriff's station.

Mrs. Jack Santich, the mother, thought that he had not been eating right and tried to appease his wants.

Finally she called for an ambulance and he was taken to Hillside Emergency hospital from where he was transferred to Harbor General hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival, according to police.

The mother, Sully said, had no idea that Santich was using narcotics.

Sheriff's narcotics officers also arrested two other men who admittedly burglarized a Bakersfield drug store, together with Santich.

They made off with \$2500 of narcotics and a few guns, some of which has been recovered, Sully said.

Held for burglary and narcotics violation are Alfonso Hernandez, 24, and Rudy Rodriguez Lujan, 24, both of San Pedro. A third suspect is being sought.

A friend told officers that he brought Santich home Friday when he complained that he didn't feel well and that he had had a "heavy jolt."

Officers found a number of jars of narcotics identified as those taken from a Bakersfield drug store between the garage and fence at Santich's home.

EDITORIAL Can Something Be Done About Spelling?

Today's youngsters, generally speaking, do not know how to spell.

That's one of the disturbing conclusions we have arrived at in viewing the local educational scene.

We are concerned because language is everybody's business. The ability to deal with words is of great importance in any field of endeavor.

What is the cause for this general linguistic break-down? Why can't Johnny spell?

Does the fault lie with our school administration? Is this one of the legacies of "progressive education"?

Is it a general break-down in educational standards? Are teachers using the wrong methods?

Are parents at fault because they do not pay enough attention to Junior's homework?

Or is it a combination of these factors, or others? What do you as educators, PTA members, parents or students think?

Write us a letter so we can publish your opinions and air the problem.

Funds For Local Court Increased

Schematic plans for construction of the new 10,000 square foot County building in the Torrance administrative center were approved today by County Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

At the same time the Supervisor instructed the architect and County engineers to expedite preparation of final plans for the courthouse which, it is estimated, will cost approximately \$275,000.

The specifications call for construction of a one-story building to house a municipal courtroom, judges' chambers, as well as offices for a municipal court clerk, marshal, district attorney, sheriff's attaché and other necessary facilities.

Originally, plans called for construction of only 7807 square feet of building. However, requests were subsequently made by the sheriff's office for pro-

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TUNED IN

Mrs. Maude (Steve) Deiningger was honored on her retirement after 18 years as a municipal employe in Torrance at a luncheon, Monday, January 21, at the City Hall. Mrs. Deiningger, senior account clerk, is listening in on a transistor radio given to her by fellow employes. With her are (l) A. H. Bartlett, city clerk; and her husband, Louis Deiningger, who recently retired as assistant postmaster in Torrance.

—Press Photo

Muffler Factory Plans Civic Center Location

Possibility that a muffler factory may locate right smack on the civic center adjacent to the swimming pool and close to nearby residences was made known at Tuesday night's council meeting.

The council was informed that J. S. Belond, president of Belond Manufacturing corp., owns 10 acres along the Santa Fe railroad tracks (immediately north of the swimming pool).

Belond was planning to use the area, which is zoned for heavy manufacturing, for a muffler factory.

As a result of recent action taken by the City Council to possibly acquire the area for park purpose, Belond has held off construction in order to see what would develop.

To clarify the whole situation and to see what nearby homeowners and Torrance residents desire, the council has called for a hearing on the matter to be held Wednesday, February 13, at 8 p.m. in the council chamber of the City Hall.

Mayor Albert Isen indicated that if the muffler factory goes in, the firm would install 200-ton presses which would be pounding continuously and which could be heard throughout the area.

He does not favor such an operation and said that Belond himself recognizes the problem and does not wish his firm to be a public nuisance but desires to know the feeling of the people.

Because there has been discussion in the past regarding the development of the area for park purposes (about 50 acres), Isen feels that the issue should be considered at this time at a public hearing.

Representatives from all interested organizations (school, civic, social, religious) were requested to attend.

Councilmen Nick Draie and Willys Blount abstained from voting on holding a hearing. Councilmen Victor Benstead and Bob Jahn approved.

Redondo to Be Annexed?

Councilman Victor Benstead proposed Tuesday night that Torrance investigate possibilities of annexing Redondo Beach, which has a population of 45,000. The matter was referred to the Planning Commission for study.

JURY FINDS HORSLEY INNOCENT OF MURDER

Following six hours of deliberation, a Superior Court jury found Fred Elijah Horsley innocent of charges that he killed his wife.

Horsley nearly collapsed on hearing the verdict. He left almost immediately for Alabama where his two children are being cared for by relatives.

Several members of the eight-woman and four-man jury in Judge Clement D. Nye's court were reportedly in tears. Horsley was charged with the murder of his wife, Maudie, 34, at the couple's home, 3221 W. 190th st., October 16.

Mrs. Horsley was found strangled and beaten in her kitchen shortly after she returned from her night job at a Santa Monica aircraft factory.

A number of relatives of the victim testified that Horsley was a devoted father and family man.

Torrance Police Capt. Ernie Ashton, chief of detectives, said he considered the case closed.

J. A. BEASLEY RESIGNS CONTROVERSIAL POST

J. A. Beasley, storm center of a raging 5-months controversy, resigned Tuesday night from his temporary position as land use investigator.

He gave as his reason the fact that his former job (at Felker Manufacturing) is available at a higher scale than he is presently making and because of his belief that the council should establish the job qualifications for his post and hire from an eligibility list.

Beasley's post has been a source of continuous debate because one council faction charged that it was a "political" appointment while the other maintained that it was a temporary emergency appointment in order to get law enforcement finally against hazards in the oil fields and other areas.

Since a temporary appointment lasts only six months and because no examination has been called to fill the post, Beasley's job with the city would have ended in a matter of weeks.

Voting steadily in support of Beasley were Mayor Albert Isen, and Councilmen Victor Benstead and Bob Jahn. Jahn stated Tuesday night that Beasley has wrongly suffered abuse and misuse and that in the future "only public officials take that abuse and not innocent parties."

Benstead attacked previous charges made that the job was hand-tailored, saying that a

The Calls Kept Coming And Coming

"I had so many calls I could have rented 30 houses," Mrs. Bill C. Best, 2222 W. 179th st., Mrs. Best ran the following ad in the Torrance Press classified section:

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

LIBRARY: Torrance library may become the central headquarters for the South Bay area as part of a decentralization move by the County Library. The local library would get 60,000 more books.

AMBULANCE: The city is investigating contracting for ambulance service with the emergency aid plan of the county of Los Angeles.

CIVIL SERVICE: Reappointment of Mark Wright to the Civil Service board was defeated, 3-2, with Isen, Benstead, Jahn, opposed; Draie, Blount, in favor.

TRAFFIC: Angle parking on Torrance blvd. between Cota and Sartori will be eliminated. About 160 more parking meters will be installed, including parts of Torrance blvd. and downtown Torrance.

MISS UNIVERSE COMING

Carol Morris, "Miss Universe," will be among the top attractions of the "All-America City" celebration Saturday, January 26, according to Lt. D. C. Cook, parade coordinator.

Cook stated that Miss Morris named the most beautiful girl in the world at the Miss Universe pageant in Long Beach last year, has accepted an invitation of the First Christian church to ride in a convertible during the parade that will tout all of Torrance starting at 1 p.m.

Miss Morris' father, the Reverend La Verne Morris, has been a life long friend of Reverend H. Milton Sippel of the local First Christian church. The two started their ministry in Iowa.

The two-day celebration is in honor of the "All-America City" award given to 11 out of 164 competing cities, one of which is Torrance.

The nation-wide competition is sponsored by Look magazine and the National Municipal league.

All events, except the reception for visiting dignitaries which is by invitation, are open to the public.

Frank A. Vanderlip, Jr., of the National Municipal League will present the "All-America City" award to Torrance at the "All-America City" banquet to be held in Torrance on January 26 at the Civic auditorium. It was announced today by Ed Karlow, program and invitations chairman for the celebration.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25—
9:30 a.m.: "ALL-AMERICA CITY" Flags presented to representatives of 24 Torrance public schools and three Parochial schools by Mayor Albert Isen and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. J. H. Hull. Assembly at Torrance High school.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26—
12 noon: Parade forms Maple and Torrance (moving vehicles only).

1 p.m.: Moving parade tours entire city of Torrance.

Leaves the City Hall, Maple and Torrance blvd., and goes east to Crenshaw blvd.; then north on Crenshaw to 174th st.; west on 174th st. to Hawthorne blvd.; south on Hawthorne blvd. to Newton st., WALTERIA; turns east to Hwy. 101 to Crenshaw blvd.; north on Crenshaw to Sepulveda blvd.; east on Sepulveda to Arlington; north on Arlington to downtown Torrance; after circling the area, returns to the City Hall.

2 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Tours of Civic Center (including both City Hall and Police station).

2:30 p.m.: Parade ends at Civic Center.

3 p.m.: Bands and Mounted Police arrive at Civic Center.

3:05 p.m.: Official "All-America City" flag ceremonies at Civic Center.

4 p.m.: Reception for visiting dignitaries. American Legion hall (by invitation only).

6:30 p.m.: All-America City banquet. Municipal auditorium. Attorney General Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, speaker.

9 p.m.: Free dance. American Legion Hall. Everyone invited.



MISS UNIVERSE

Carol Morris, all-American girl, to come to All-America city. Albert R. Kelch Photo



ATTORNEY GENERAL

Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, California attorney general, will be guest speaker at the All-America banquet here Saturday.



LOOK!

Pete Dailey, West Coast editorial manager of Look, will represent the magazine at the presentation of the All-America Cities award.

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JAMES O. JOHNSON, owner and expert repairman at **JIM'S RADIO AND TELEVISION SERVICE**, 24112 Narbonne ave., Lomita, has been repairing all makes of radio and television sets for the past six years. His reputation as a repairman is upheld by a fine knowledge of his trade, and all his work is guaranteed. He has also been a resident of Lomita for six years.



JANSSON'S SEWING MACHINE CENTER, 1621 Cravens ave., specializes in guaranteed used machines, repairs, new and used rentals and features the Necchi, Elna, Adler Pfaff and White machines. **SULO JANSSON**, owner and manager, is a native of Helsinki, Finland, and was at one time employed at the Adler factory in Europe where he made additions and improvements on the machines. He moved to Venice, Calif., in 1941 and became the service manager at the Adler Main office in downtown Los Angeles.

Burns Fatal To Girl Here

Miss Carolyn Ferrel, 6, who was severely burned on November 29, 1956, died January 22 at Harbor General hospital.

The accident occurred when Carolyn, 5621 Clearsite, and

three small companions were playing with matches and her blouse caught fire. Firemen reported that approximately 70 per cent of her body received second and third degree burns.

LOCAL MAN SAVES PLANE CRASH CREW

Calm, quick thinking of a Torrance man was credited with saving the lives of 46 persons aboard a big Navy transport which flipped over and caught fire in a landing on a snow-covered runway in Seattle, January 19.

James V. Trosper, 26, of 2421 W. 178th st., a reservist who works at North American in Downey, prepared passengers for a possible crash.

The four-engine R-5D, from Los Alamitos, Calif. had approached the runways at Sand Point Naval Air station twice.

The first time it didn't touch down. The second time it bumped the runway, then roared off again.

The third pass appeared normal but the plane skidded sideways as the wheels touched. The right wing buckled and the plane flipped over and burst into flame.

Two engines, the right wing, and parts of the main fuselage dropped off.

Inside, the men were hanging from their safety belts. Trosper had advised the passengers of landing difficulties and had them get ready for a possible crash.

He kicked open the escape hatch before the plane ground to a stop. Firefighting crew extinguished the blaze within seconds.

There were no serious injuries.



JAMES V. TROSPER



BANQUET TICKETS

Tickets to Saturday night's banquet may still be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce. The event is open to the public. Ticket deadline is 5 p.m. today, Thursday. Picking up his tickets from Mrs. Lou Karlow is Councilman Bob Jahn.—Press Photo